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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Our gracious God, we praise You for the privilege of being alive. Thank You for the gift of breath. We breathe in Your peace and breathe out stress and worry. We feel our pulses beat reminding us of the gift of circulation. Our minds form the images of thought about the opportunities of this new day. We are grateful for our intellects, the education we've had in this free land, and the opportunity to think creatively today. You have created us with emotions so we could love, feel deeply for others, and rejoice in our friendship with You, our Creator and Friend. And so we accept this day as a gift and join the psalmist in exulting,

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all of his benefits!—Psalm 103:1. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JACK REED led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD.)

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 18, 2002.
To the Senate:
Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be a period of morning business that will begin at 11:30 today, with the first half hour under the control of Senator DASCHLE and the second half under the control of Senator LOTT. We are now going to be back on the Interior appropriations bill. There is not a great deal that can be done because of the procedural quagmire in which we find ourselves because cloture was not invoked.

At 12:30 we will go off Interior and go back to the homeland security bill. At that time, Senator BYRD will be recognized to offer his amendment regarding the orderly transition of the new Department. Cloture was filed under the Lieberman substitute amendment to the Homeland Security Act. Because of this, all first-degree amendments will have to be filed prior to 1 p.m. today.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration

of H.R. 5093, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5093) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 4472, in the nature of a substitute.

Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide funds to repay accounts from which funds were borrowed for emergency wildfire suppression.

Craig/Domenici Amendment No. 4518 (to Amendment No. 4480), to reduce hazardous fuels on our national forests.

Dodd Amendment No. 4522 (to Amendment No. 4472), to prohibit the expenditure of funds to recognize Indian tribes and tribal nations until the date of implementation of certain administrative procedures.

Byrd/Stevens Amendment No. 4532 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide for critical emergency supplemental appropriations.

Daschle motion to reconsider the vote whereby cloture was not invoked on Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472).

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MILLER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to support the amendment introduced by my colleagues, Senators CRAIG and DOMENICI, that I feel is critical to the survival of many forests in Wyoming and across the rest of the United States.

This amendment gives the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior the ability to recognize emergency conditions that exist on many of our forests

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